

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 15, 2024

A quorum being present, the Meeting was called to order by the Commander at 19:05 hours.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow a presentation to be made.

A presentation by two representatives from the Acworth Police Dept. relative to the Acworth Public Safety Foundation Qualified Law Enforcement Donation Tax Credit. More information is available at the Post or contact jmullinax@acworth.org with any questions you may have.

The Commander presented Certificates of Appreciation to Adrian Luebbe and Dan Harr for their contributions to the well-being of the Post.

The Vice Commander of Finance, Tom Walsh presented the monthly finance report which showed a healthy financial position at the Post.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the Financial Report as submitted.

Adjutant, Jack Kimmich gave an up-to-date report on the status of membership renewals. They are currently a bit ahead of last year at this time but we still have a long way to go.

Vice Commander, Grounds, Mike Tolley delivered an update on creating an entrance to the pool room from the social qtrs. The affected wall is a bearing wall and he is working with a structural engineer to resolve issues with the entrance,

Vice Commander, Programs, Jim Blake, gave an update on upcoming events at the Post. There will be a live band, "Nothing to lose" this Saturday evening from 7-10 PM so there will be no Karaoke. Note: this band plays for tips. Working on setting up a date for a blood drive. There will be a Low Country Boil on 9/7 and an Oktoberfest on 10/12. A Poker Run is scheduled for 9/14.

Chuck Polk gave an update on the status of membership on the SAL which is currently 71. SAL volunteer hours are currently at 936.7 YTD. Honor Guard has completed 290 missions since inception in 2017. Color Guard has completed 2 mission YTD. He also reported that Grant Pool was voted Lt. Gov. at GA Boys State and our first Boys Stater to be elected as a US Senator will be attending Boys Nation in DC in August. He also presented a current Chaplain Sick Call and Prayer list.

ALR Director Mike Smith gave an update on the ALR. At last report the ALR had approximately \$14,071.00 cash on hand with \$9,050 earmarked for their PTSD Dog Fund. Membership is currently 16 active members. He also updated on the PTSD Dog Report noting they work with 4PAW#S4 Warriors and the cost of each dog is \$10K. Mike Wells, one of our Post 304 members will receive our next sponsored dog. He reported the Pool Room project was starting to come together and a Fall Events/Bike Night is being plannd.

Service Officer Greg Vassilious reported that VA will be at the Post on 9/12/2024 and will be giving a training class on S.A.V.E. Program. Class begins at 6 PM. This is a suicide prevention program. Also, the 5th District has been contacted to provide training for their Be The One program, the Legion's suicide prevention program as well as their Buddy Check Program. It is our hope to combine all of these programs into one to reach every member of the Post with the idea of knowing we care for them and to foster comradeship.

Penny Alexander, Auxiliary President reported that the ALA provided both an Army and Coast Guard Birthday Cake on their respective birthdays. They voted to allocate \$300 from their general fund and with an additional \$225 in donations were able to provide a large amount of supplies for the Georgia National Guard currently in Kuwait. She reported that the ladies continue to do the majority of the kitchen and bar volunteering and anything else requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kimmih, Post Adjutant